



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 7, 1998

### **S. 469**

#### **Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 29, 1998*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 469 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because S. 469 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 469 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 469 would designate 29 miles of river segments in Massachusetts as scenic and recreational rivers. The segments would be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in cooperation with the SUASCO River Stewardship Council, as provided for in a river conservation plan prepared by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Study Committee. The bill would authorize the NPS to provide financial and other assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and relevant local governments under cooperative agreements aimed at facilitating the management of the newly designated river segments.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of up to \$100,000 each year to implement the river conservation plan, including financial and other assistance to the state and local governments. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 469 will be enacted by the end of the 105th Congress and that the authorized funding will be appropriated for fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent year. We estimate that outlays to implement the plan would total about \$400,000 over the 2000-2003 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

On August 7, 1998, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 1110, the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 29, 1998. The two bills are similar, and the estimated costs are the same.

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